

SITUATION REPORT NO. 1
INCIDENT NO. 95-175
DATE: October 26, 1995 TIME: 11:00 a.m.

TO: Governor Edward T. Schafer
State Capitol
Bismarck, ND 58504

1. NATURE OF DISASTER: A freight train derailed 1 1/2 miles east of Hannaford, Griggs County, on October 25, 1995 shortly after 1:00 p.m.. Some cars were identified as carrying potentially hazardous materials, to include chlorine, ethyl alcohol, hydrogen peroxide, and acids.
2. DEATH AND INJURIES: None at this time.
3. DAMAGE: About 30 to 40 railroad cars were derailed damaging cargo, train cars, and track. A significant release of hazardous materials did not occur as a result of the derailment. Some diesel fuel was spilled, but contained.
4. RESOURCES COMMITTED:

LOCAL: Griggs County Emergency Management, Griggs County Sheriff's Office, Hannaford Rural Fire Department, Cooperstown Fire Department (standby), and local volunteers.

STATE: N D Division of Emergency Management, State Radio Communications, ND Highway Patrol, ND Department of Health, ND National Guard, and ND Fire Marshal's Office.

FEDERAL: None at this time.
5. VOLUNTEER ACTIONS: Volunteers provided accommodations for some friends/families requiring temporary evacuation. Red Cross assistance was not required.
6. MAJOR ACTIONS: Local law and fire officials isolated the site and controlled traffic surrounding the scene. Five farmsteads with 12-15 people were evacuated.

A command post was established in the Hannaford Fire Hall.

Burlington Northern safety personnel and clean-up crews are on site to facilitate recovery in cooperation with local officials.

Staff of the ND Division of Emergency Management, ND Department of Health, and ND Fire Marshal's Office provided technical assistance to local officials and assisted with situation assessment.

The Red Cross was alerted and contacted local officials

The ND National Guard provided air transportation to state personnel.

The Federal Aviation Administration restricted air traffic in the immediate area of the accident for about an 18 hour period.

FEMA Region VIII and EPA Region VIII staff were briefed on the incident. The two agencies placed personnel on standby to supplement state and local resources should the situation deteriorate.

7. ASSISTANCE NEEDED: None at this time.
8. OUTSIDE HELP ON SCENE: A Deputy Fire Marshal remained at the scene until the morning of October 26, 1995.
9. OTHER INFORMATION: Cleanup is expected to take about 1 1/2 days. Concern during the cleanup will be for the continued integrity of the two chlorine cars. Local officials and Burlington Northern Railroad will monitor potential dangers closely and have developed a safety plan in the event of a release.

The National Weather Service is providing valuable weather data regarding the site.

Signed _____
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State Director